

Examiner's Amendment

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Joseph Bach on 11/10/2009.

The following amendments to the following claims have been made:

Claim 1: An electronic game card comprising:

a planar card having three or more sides and a top surface, and forming a platform for holding a detachable thin cover card;

controller means in the planar card;

one or more communication means in the planar card and coupled to the controller means, wherein the communications between adjacent cards when two cards are placed close to each other, with one side of each card opposite a side of the other card;

user input means coupled to the controller means; and

a code reader coupled to the controller means and configured to read a card code from the detachable thin cover card coupled to the top surface of the planar card;

wherein the planar card is generic and the thin cover card contains electronic coded description thereof.

Claim 10: An electronic card game comprising:

a plurality of cards located on a bi-directional pattern adjacent to each other, wherein each card includes a controller and one or more communication devices, and wherein one of the cards is a master card operable to communicate with each card and to activate an output of each card according to rules of the games stored therein, and the rest of the cards are generic slave cards each having a personality contained in a detachable thin cover card coupled to a top surface of the generic slave card, each thin cover card having code description thereof that can be identified by any of the slave cards when attached thereto.

Claims 22- 31 are cancelled in a phone interview with Applicant's representative
12/04/2009 .

The following amendment has been made to the Specifications:

This Application is a National Stage application of and claims priority benefit from PCT/IL03/00810, filed on October 9, 2003, which, in turns, claims priority benefit from U.S. Provisional Application Serial Number 60/417,624, filed October 11, 2003.

Reasons for Allowance

1. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The prior art fails to disclose an electronically readable thin cover card with electronic being placed on top of a generic cover card. For example, the prior art of Gorbet (5,941,714) disclose electronic cards, but fails to disclose a thin cover card being placed on top of the electronic card.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to REGINALD A. RENWICK whose telephone number is (571)270-1913. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday, 7:30AM-5:00PM, Alt Fridays, EST.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Dmitry Suhol can be reached on 571-272-4430. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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